

By STUART EARP Wycombe Wanderers 5, Wokingham Town 0

WYCOMBE Wanderers got in some useful match practice on Tuesday night when they outclassed a weak Wokingham Town side from Division Two of the Rothmans Isthmian League. The friendly was hastily arranged after the League Cup tie against Kingstonian had to be postponed.

Two goals from big Howard Kettleborough led Wycombe's spree and once again the Blues produced some lovely attacking football to which Wokingham had no answer.

Wycombe fielded a strong side for the first half and soon got into their stride. Kettleborough hit an upright with a 17th minute header but Wanderers didn't have things all their own way in the first half. West Indian John Griffith looked a powerful striker while at the back Bobby Hatt, a former Wycombe player, showed he had lost little of his skills at centre back.

Two goals inside four minutes put the Blues firmly in charge before the interval. The first came after 31 minutes when Howard Kennedy floated a cross over for Kettleborough to head back across goal. Ian Pearson had plenty of time to rifle the ball home and goalkeeper Mike Dixon did well to get a touch.

Four minutes later a lovely move exposed a large gap in the Wokingham defence. The ball was played out to Bob Davies

from a corner and the left back cleverly found Pearson with an overhead kick. Pearson reached the bye-line and crossed low where Kettleborough headed powerfully home.

Despite making positional changes and various substitutions, Wanderers were again impressive in the second half. After only two minutes they went 3-0 up when Kennedy tried a shot, picked up the rebound and strode through to beat substitute goalkeeper Charlie Palmer with ease.

At the other end Peter Spittle had a quiet evening and had only to collect the occasional cross which he did competently. Town made the mistake of giving the ball away too often which gave Wanderers an abundance of possession.

ENTERTAINING

Seemingly untroubled by the 0-3 half-time score from South Liverpool, the Blues gave another entertaining display of skill with first time passing stretching the visitors' defence to its limits.

After 53 minutes it was 4-0 when Peter Cruse, again im-

pressive, beat Graham Harvey twice before crossing perfectly for Kettleborough to head just home inside the post.

A feature of the second half was the performance of Tony Horseman. On the sidelines for nearly a month, 'Bodger' showed he is still as sharp as ever with some delicate touches. Two efforts almost found the target but he was not to be denied and hit the fifth in the 82nd minute.

He picked the ball up just inside the box and chipped a brilliant shot over Palmer and into the net from a narrow angle. It was vintage Horseman.

WYCOMBE: P. Spittle, P. Birdseye, K. Mead (sub A. Horseman 45 mins), D. Bullock, R. Davies, H. Kennedy, J. Priestley, M. Hollfield (sub G. Fraser 45 mins), I. Pearson (Sub D. Evans 45 mins), H. Kettleborough, P. Cruse (sub Pearson 68 mins).

WOKINGHAM: M. Dixon (sub C. Palmer 45 mins), K. Corbin (sub A. Stevens 45 mins), C. Gao, R. Hatt, G. Harvey (sub J. Fletcher 71 mins), J. Wilks, D. Robertson (sub P. Bent 42 mins), A. Walker, M. Tripp, J. Griffith (sub P. Harmsworth 45 mins), M. Barnett.

Half-time: 3-0. **Goalscorers:** Kettleborough 2 (35, 53), Pearson (31), Kennedy (47), Horseman (82).

Attendance: 250.